

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please amend paragraph [0001] as follows.

[0001] This is a divisional application of copending Application No. 09/893,774 filed on June 29, 2001 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,639,352). The present invention claims the benefit of Korean Patent Application No. P2000-72916 filed in Korea on December 4, 2000, which is hereby incorporated by reference.

Please amend paragraphs [0007] - [0008] as follows.

[0007] In FIG. 1, a backlight assembly is placed at a rear surface of a LCD panel (not shown in the drawing) which displays image data, and a main support 1 and a cover 3 that protects the main support 1. A lamp assembly 10 is ~~place~~ placed at one end of the main support 1, and a light guiding plate (LGP) 5 that transmits light emitted from the lamp assembly to the LCD panel is placed at a lateral side of the lamp assembly. A reflection sheet 4 for reflecting any light that may leak out from the lamp assembly is placed at a lower surface of the light guiding plate 5. A lower diffusion sheet 6 and an upper diffusion sheet 9 that diffuse incident light coming from the light guiding plate 5 are placed at an upper surface of the light guiding plate 5. A lower prism sheet 7 and an upper prism sheet 8 that condense and transmit light to the LCD panel are placed between the lower diffusion sheet 6 and the upper diffusion sheet 9. Accordingly, the backlight assembly requires at least the light guiding plate 5, the lower diffusion sheet 6, the upper diffusion sheet 9, the lower prism sheet 7, and the upper prism sheet 8 to uniformly supply light irradiated from the fluorescent lamp to the display surface.

[0008] In FIG. 2, the process of assembling the backlight assembly is performed by inserting a high pressure side lamp wire 13a and a low pressure side lamp wire 13b of a connector 16 into a high pressure lamp holder 12a and a low pressure lamp holder 12b,

respectively, and then soldering the high pressure side lamp wire 13a and the low pressure side lamp wire 13b to a high pressure side and a low pressure side of the lamp 11, respectively. Then, the lamp assembly is completed by mounting a soldering part 14 of the lamp on a lamp housing 15 by covering a soldering part of the lamp with the lamp holders of the lamp. Subsequently, the lamp assembly is placed into the main support 1, and the cover 3 is inserted into a light entrance of the main support 1 in order to protect the lamp assembly from any external shocks. Then after the reflection sheet 4 has been mounted on an internal bottom surface of the main support 1, the light guiding plate 5 is inserted inside an internal gap of the lamp housing. It is important that the gap dimensions and planarity of the lamp housing remain straight. Finally, the lower diffusion sheet 6, the lower prism sheet 7, the upper prism sheet 8, and the upper diffusion sheet 9 are sequentially assembled into an upper part of the light guiding plate 5.